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SUBJECT: COORDINATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON RWANDA --
CZECH REPUBLIC

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REF: STATE 119480

1. PER REFTTEL, POLOFF MET WITH ZDENEK DOBIJAS, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AT THE CZECH FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO URGE THAT THE CZECHS ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE RWANDAN SITUATION SIMILAR TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S.
2. DOBIJAS NOTED THAT THE CZECH MISSION TO THE U.N. HAS HAD THE LEAD ON THE RWANDAN ISSUE. THE CZECHS SEE THEMSELVES AS HAVING TO BE ENGAGED BECAUSE OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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THEIR ROLE AS A NONPERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ACCORDING TO DOBIJAS, THE CZECH MISSION HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH USUN. A CZECH STATEMENT REGARDING THE RWANDAN SITUATION WAS INCORPORATED INTO A DECLARATION BY THE UNSC CHAIR SOME DAYS AGO.

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3. DOBIJAS UNDERLINED THAT THE USG, BOTH USUN AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION. THE CZECHS ARE HAMPERED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HANDLE RWANDA OUT OF THEIR EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF RELIABLE INFORMATION THEY HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

4. DOBIJAS INDICATED STRONG CONCERN REGARDING RWANDA, TERMING IT "A PRE-SOMALIA SITUATION." IN HIS VIEW, THE CONFLICT GOES BEYOND THE HUTU - TUTSI CONFRONTATION, SINCE THERE ARE SIGNS OF CONFLICT AMONG HUTU FACTIONS AND AMONG TUTSI FACTIONS. HE ARGUED AGAINST TAKING SIDES IN THE CONFLICT.

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5. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS BEEN TRYING TO DUMP BLAME ON THE U.N. THE CONFLICT PREVENTION MECHANISM THAT THE OAU TRIED TO INAUGURATE AT ITS LAST SUMMIT HAD NOT WORKED, AND, IN DOBIJAS'S VIEW, THE OUTBREAK IN RWANDA HAD CAUGHT THE OAU FLAT-FOOTED. THE CZECH EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA IS APPARENTLY IN CONTACT WITH OAU HEADQUARTERS.

6. ON THE ISSUE OF PEACEKEEPING, HE LAMENTED THAT THE EVEN-HANDED BELGIAN APPROACH HAD LED EACH SIDE TO FEEL THE BELGIANS WERE SUPPORTING THEIR OPPONENTS. HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS OF FORCES FROM GHANA AND BANGLADESH, BUT UNDERLINED THE VERY SMALL SIZE OF THE CONTINGENTS. THE GHANAIS ARE IN VERY BAD SHAPE AS FAR AS EQUIPMENT IS CONCERNED. DOBIJAS OPINED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY, TO MOVE FROM PEACEKEEPING TO PEACEMAKING, A VERY DIFFICULT MATTER, GIVEN UNCLEAR ETHNIC BOUNDARIES AND INTRA-COMMUNITY INFIGHTING.

7. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EVANS

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